Tax on income from agriculture

†263. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to bring the income from agriculture under the net of income tax is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Income-tax assessees in Karnataka

264. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax assessees in Karnataka;

(b) whether PAN has been allotted to all income-tax assessees;

(c) if not, how many are yet to get the PAN;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to give PAN to all IT assessees in Karnataka; and

(e) the total revenue collected from income-tax from Karnataka during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Total number of income-tax assessees in Karnataka is 17,17,208 (Seventeen lacs seventeen thousand two hundred eight only).

(b) Out of the above, 16,62,824 (sixteen lacs sixty-two thousand eight hundred twenty four) assessees have been allotted PAN.

(c) Thus, 54,384 (fifty-four thousand three hundred eighty four) assessees are yet to get PAN.

(d) From 1st July 2003, the work of allotment of PAN has been entrusted to UTI Investor Services Ltd. by the CBDT. Department of

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